TITUSVILLE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

NEWSLETTER

AUGUST , 2002

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Bud Hughes K4CWG

Darwin KS4BD and Betty McCombs celebrated their Golden Anniversary. Sherry and I attended the honoring of this Christian couple and had the opportunity to meet many of their friends at the Lutheran church in Cocoa Beach this past Sunday. We want to wish continued happiness to this couple.

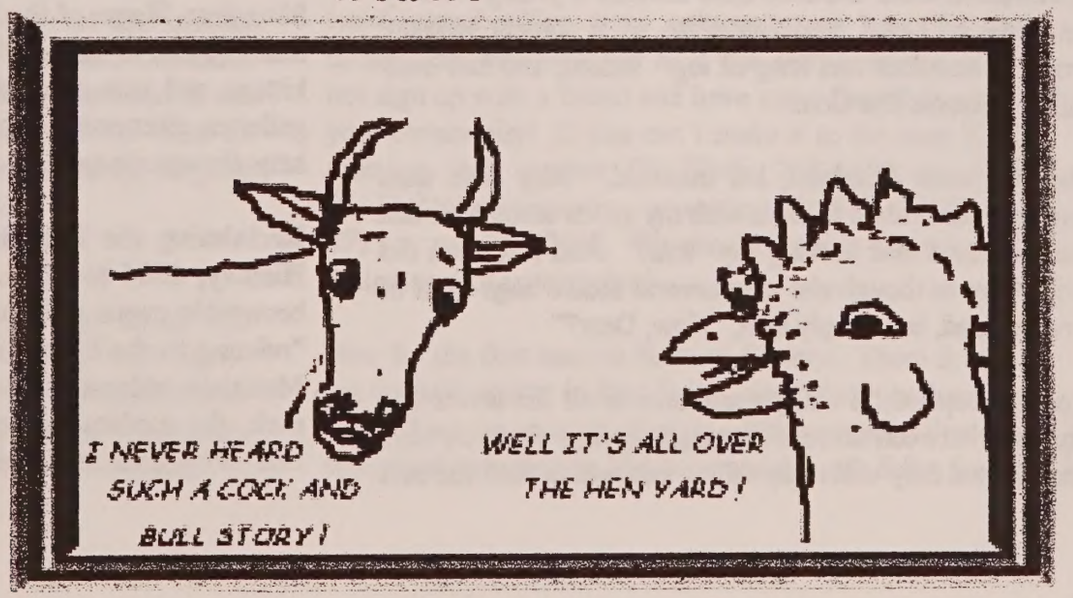
Having resided in Huntsville, ALA for almost ten years, Sherry and I have enjoyed the fellowship of a number of hams in that part of the country. I had planned to attend the Hamfest in Huntsville but as Sherry pointed out, that would be a long way to drive especially when the Shelby NC hamfest will be in two weeks then the Melbourne two weeks following that.

The Red Eye Net, sponsored by TARC has been meeting every Sunday morning at 6:00 AM on 7.165 since 1977. Bill, NK4D suggested that we move the frequency from the restricted (Advanced-Extra) frequency of 7.165 to the General portion of the 40 Meter band, namely 7.228. We have an average of 20 hams to check in every Sunday morning (our local hams as well as hams from across the country.) I must admit this proposed move pleases me in that my son Carl KD4CBT now residing in Calhoun, Tenn., my sister-in-law Joyce, KB4VAR who lives in Holly Hills, FL, and any ham with the General Class License will be able to participate in the Red Eye Net. Make a note of the frequency and join us next Sunday morning.

The Silent Key Club has called another of our dear friends from among us. Bill, WA9ERC passed away on Saturday, August 17. Bill and his wife Helen KA9IFK came to Merritt Island several years ago from Chicago. Bill and Helen have been members of both the IRAC and TARC. We will miss Bill at our Thursday evening "eating meeting". Our condolences and love are extended to Helen and family.

Sherry says don't forget that the September meeting is our annual "pot luck" night. We all remember the delicious food the ladies serve up that night!

Wishing you and yours the best of everything. Hope to see you at the next club meeting. Come and bring a friend.
73's & 88's



Cartoon courtesy of Dave, AC4JX

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

AUG. 4 KF4FQW DUANE POCOCK
AUG. 5 KC4VMQ DONNA CLARK
AUG. 7 KF4SEK NICHOLAS GRAY
AUG. 7 N1OGE BERTHA BENARDI
AUG. 15 KF4VRQ MARVIN THORPE
AUG. 16 N2JY JUDY SMITH
AUG. 16 W4EPU PIKE ABELL
AUG. 17 N9EZV KEN TENDICK
AUG. 18 KE4BBH JIM PREVATT
AUG. 20 KG4DSG MIKE WOLFORD
AUG. 20 W4LOV MIKE HENSLEY
AUG. 22 W4RUN BILL CANFIELD
AUG. 24 W2SDB BILL EPPLEY
AUG. 28 K0RPM RON MORGAN
AUG. 28 KV4BY CLARENCE BAUER
AUG. 29 KE4HOE FRED HADDAD
AUG. 31 KF4DTC ABBIE MARSDEN

HOW THE INTERNET BEGAN

In ancient Israel, it came to pass that a trader by the name of Abraham Com did take unto himself a young wife by the name of Dot. And Dot Com as a comely woman, broad of shoulder and long of leg. Indeed, she had been called Amazon Dot Com.

She said unto Abraham, her husband, "Why doth thou travel far from town to town with thy goods when thou can trade without ever leaving thy tent?' And Abraham did look at her as though she were several saddle bags short of a camel load, but simply said, "How, Dear?"

And Dot replied, "I will place drums in all the towns and drums in between to send messages saying what you have for sale and they will reply telling you which hath the best price. And the sale can be made on the drums and delivery made by Uriah's Pony Stable (UPS)."

Abraham thought long and decided he would let Dot have her way with the drums. The drums rang out and were an immediate success. Abraham sold all the goods he had at the top price, without ever moving from his tent.

But this success did arouse envy. A man named Maccabia did secret himself inside Abraham's drum and was accused of insider trading. And the young men did take to Dot Com's trading as doth the greedy horsefly take to camel dung. They were called Nomadic Ecclesiastical Rich Dominical Sideretes, or NERDS for short.

And lo, the land was so feverish with joy at the new riches and the deafening sound of drums that no one noticed that the real riches were going to the drum maker - one Brother William of Gates, who bought up every drum company in the land. And indeed did insist on making drums that would work only with Brother Gates' drumheads and drumsticks.

Dot did say, "Oh, Abraham, what we have started is being taken over by others." And as Abraham looked out over the Bay of Ezekiel, or as it came to be known - "eBay" - he said, "We need a name that reflects what we are," and Dot replied, "Young Ambitious Hebrew Owners Operators." "YAHOO", said Abraham.

And that is how it all began. It wasn't Al Gore after all.

INTERNET UPDATE
From 7/02 CyberSkip

Moggies: Home of the Online Cat Guide. This site for feline lovers is "devoted to the health and well-being of kittens and cats everywhere." Tips, anecdotes, picture galleries, electronic postcards, and many related links.
http://www.moggies.co.uk/

Reclaiming the Everglades: South Florida's Natural History, 1884 to 1934. Nearly 10,000 searchable and browsable pages and images of primary source materials "relating to the history of south Florida's environment." Materials address themes of the creation of a national park, the modern conservation movement, the evolving role of women in politics, and the treatment of Native

Americans (Seminoles). Includes timeline, and brief biographies of individuals who "focused national attention" on the Everglades. From the State University System of Florida. **http://everglades.fiu.edu/reclaim/**

Florida Memory Project: The Florida State Archives. A searchable and browsable collection of "primary records that illustrates significant moments in [Florida's] history, provides educational resources for students of all ages, and makes available collections useful for historical research." Includes over 85,000 photographs, assorted materials from the Florida State Archives, and an interactive time line of people and events. From the Florida Department of State, Division of Library and Information Services, Bureau of Archives and Records Management. **http://fpc.dos.state.fl.us/memory/**

FirstGov for Seniors. This site provides online access to government information and services of interest to seniors. The topics covered include benefits, health and nutrition, consumer protection, employment and volunteer activities, taxes, travel and leisure, education and training, and more. Users can check on their Social Security benefits, compare nursing home and Medicare options, get travel tips for seniors, and join the Peace Corps - all starting from this site. Searchable. From the National Partnership for Reinventing Government, with the participation of various government agencies.
Http://www.seniors.gov/

The Onion. Ed note: *This website is borderline outrageous and full of laughs. It gained international notoriety recently when an article detailing the relocation of the capitol to Tennessee from Washington was picked up as fact by the Chinese news services.*
An irreverent compendium of musings on the current American scene. Whether you're a Republican, Democrat or None Of The Above, the Onion proves that satire is not a dead art. Nothing is sacred here - not even the "man on the street" (see the What Do You Think feature). A good antidote for news you'll read elsewhere.
Http:// onion.com/

Who is Osama Bin Laden? An article about this controversial figure's history from his early connections with the CIA to his command structure and speculations about his stock market manipulations. This September 18, 2001 report is from the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC). Http://news.bbc.co.uk/hi/english/world/south_asia/newsid_155000/155236.stm

BREVARD EMERGENCY AMATEUR RADIO SERVICES, INC. ACTIVITIES AUGUST 2002

By Stef, K4MVO
President, BEARS, Inc.

On August 13, 2002, the BEARS Board of Directors unanimously welcomed TARC's appointee, Ed Wirth, KG4KVO, to Assistant Emergency Coordinator for the North Area of Brevard County. Ray Kassis, N4LEM, our county EC, and all the other BEARS Board members look forward to working with Ed, because not only is he a dedicated ARES volunteer, but he is also active with REACT. His familiarity with both the ARES and REACT programs and their volunteers will definitely facilitate thorough communications support to our community during emergencies and disasters. Please join me and welcome Ed Wirth to his new position by giving him our willing assistance when duty calls.

To all you ARES members and wannabes: We are still looking for volunteers for the hurricane shelters. We'll have a sign- up list at the next TARC meeting. If you are going to evacuate anyway, why not consider a cozy assignment with communications, electricity (air conditioning) and food? Why spend countless hours on the freeway when you and your family can be comfortably hunkered down in a shelter? And for you single folks, with no family obligations, please consider being relief operators and serve wherever we are short of operators. Please remember, all of our shelters now have hurricane shutters, and Astronaut High has a special facility for the handicapped. The more volunteers we have for each shelter, the less work we have for each volunteer. Why not sign up with a friend and have some fun while serving your community! If you can't make it to the next TARC meeting, then contact Ed Wirth: 268-8403, or e-mail FL_PI@infoagency.com, or contact Bud, K4CWG 269-0779 or me, 264-2492. We should be able to get you the assignment of your choice!

New for the first time in Brevard County: There is now a pet friendly shelter in Port Saint John. Yes, you heard me right. You can go to the shelter with your pet. You must sign up ahead of time, like the special needs folks, but the

last I heard, there is still plenty of room remaining. So if you don't want to be separated from your pet, consider PSJ.

Other news in Brevard County: Rich (Mac) McMillin, KD4GPJ, has successfully installed the third, yep, that's right, the third SEDAN repeater in Brevard County. Just less than a year ago, Brevard County was the missing link in the Southeastern Emergency Digital Association Network, and Mac took the initiative to coordinate the installation of three systems in our county. With the help of a bunch of other hams and a lot of sweat, Brevard county hams can now boast we are no longer in the digital dark ages. If you have any questions about SEDAN, please contact Mac: 459-3960. KD4GPJ@arrl.net

Sky Warn is alive and off to a good start with New Sky Warn Coordinators in both the South and Central areas: Terry Reinert, KG4JSC, in the South; and K4OHE, Larry Cook, in the Central area. The North Brevard REACT Unit #1, along with the National Weather Service, Dennis Decker, just sponsored Sky Warn training at the Titusville Police Station, on 8/13/02. If you missed it and are interested in another session, please contact Bud, K4CWG or Ed, KG4KVO.

Don't forget the Wednesday Countywide ARES/RACES Nets on 147.135. Two opportunities to check-in: 9:00 AM and again at 7:00 PM. Yes, I know, Bruce KB4ETY, runs the mosquito net at 7:00 PM, but trust me, the evening ARES/RACES net is so short you can get in and out again, before Bruce finishes the preamble. So, consider blowing the dust off your emergency gear and checking-in. I look forward to hearing you.

If you are interested in getting a new or replacement ARES badge, BEARS will be set up at the upcoming Melbourne Hamfest. I'll have all the reading material you dare to haul home and of course a brief description of BEARS and message traffic handling. Should we have a contest and award prizes? I'm game. Let me know if you are interested or if you have suggestions. We still have a little time to put something together.

You are always welcome at the BEARS meetings, second Tuesday of the month, 7:00 PM at the County EOC, in Rockledge. Talk-in Frequency is 147.135. Come a little early to sign-in. I look forward to seeing you. Let me know if you'd like to carpool.

Stef, K4MVO
President,
BEARS, Inc.

ABELL'S ANECDOTES

By Pike Abell W4EPU

FIELD DAY 2002:

On Saturday and Sunday, June 22-23 The Titusville Amateur Radio Club once again 'Hammed it up" on our annual field day exercise. As we all know this event is in cooperation with ARRL, the purpose of which is to contact as many other amateur stations as possible. Points are awarded for contacts made. In our case, the main purpose was, as always, to simulate emergency situations; prepare and practice for emergencies and be prepared to provide communications to the public when other means of communication fail, usually due to commercial power failures. Even the weather cooperated, giving us nasty, wet and windy weather simulating hurricane-like conditions. Our station(s) were set up at the City of Titusville well field #3, just off of Barna Avenue.

A host of people deserve a lot of credit for pulling the whole thing off in a highly professional fashion. I shall attempt to give credit to all of those who contributed, some in more ways than others. With a list this long it is entirely possible that I may overlook someone who contributed. In which case, I offer my sincerest apology in advance.

Our president Bud Hughes K4CWG, honchoed the event. Bud also participated in everything, including set-up, operation and tear-down and furnished a lot of the equipment, including his Onan generator and that big canopy under which folks spent so much time to get out of the weather.

Sherry, KU4ZO, (hers was the official TARC Field Day call sign.) among many other things was in charge of vittles. Sherry and Pat KF4LTY, worked feverishly and made sure everyone had plenty of food and drinks. The evening meal was a pot luck affair. (There was a lot of luck but not too many pots). Enough cannot be written or

said about those two Food Angels. They brought food, cooked food, made sure there was always food and drinks for all, and even cooked and served breakfast. They stayed the entire time and did many other things from set-up to tear-down. Cori, KE4WQD, and Becky, KF4HTB, the other angels, prepared and supplied food and helped serve the pot luck dinner. Smoky Wild Bill, K4CUO, took time off from his western travels to smoke up a bunch of scrumptious barbecue for the gang.

Bud, K4CWG, went along with the wild west theme by showing up with a covered wagon CW shack.

Stephanie, K4MVO, chauffeured in the huge BEARS Com-One communication van with all the comforts of home. It even has a TV set-up with which one can not only communicate with other hams, but also watch them talk back. This is where John, KE4ZPA and Anthony, KF4CEB, made their contributions by spending most of their time operating therein. Anthony's son, A. J., was also on hand and helped out in the van. Dave, AC4JX was on the other end of the TV circuit to help demonstrate the TV system. Dave also provided talk-in assistance.

Pike, W4EPU provided the ice (compliments of the Knights of Columbus) helped with Antenna put-ups and tear downs. (He also brought dessert prepared by Clara, KE4YQL, but forgot and left it in the trunk of the car - grin...).

Warren, W4CEL, helped with antenna erection, etc., and most importantly did the necessary climbing. (That's Warren up on the tower in the picture.) Paul, KF4WPW. was on hand and brought the fine tables which were used for dining and all.

Bob, K4WSJ, operated and maintained the power generators.

Mayor Ron Swank, KB4DCZ, honored us with his presence, giving us an additional fifty points. Gary, AF4LD, set up for CW operations, but as far as this writer knew, did not log any official field day contacts.

Others who came out and helped in various ways were: Ozzie, N4SCY; Larry, John and Pats grandson; Joe KD4GPF; and Ed, KG4KVO. Among others who came out to the site to visit and show their support were Alan, AC4KU; Mike, KG4DSG; Frankie, KG4FXR; Fred, K4DII; Helen, KA9IFK; Bill, WA9ERC; Jay, NB4ZWI; Jimmy, KF4ZOL; Clyde, K4EOS; and Ed, NA3FKC.

That in a nutshell is the who, what, when, where and why of Field Day 2002. All in all it was a good exercise and I'm sure most everyone enjoyed and profited from it. It is nice when this club, as always, does things in unison.
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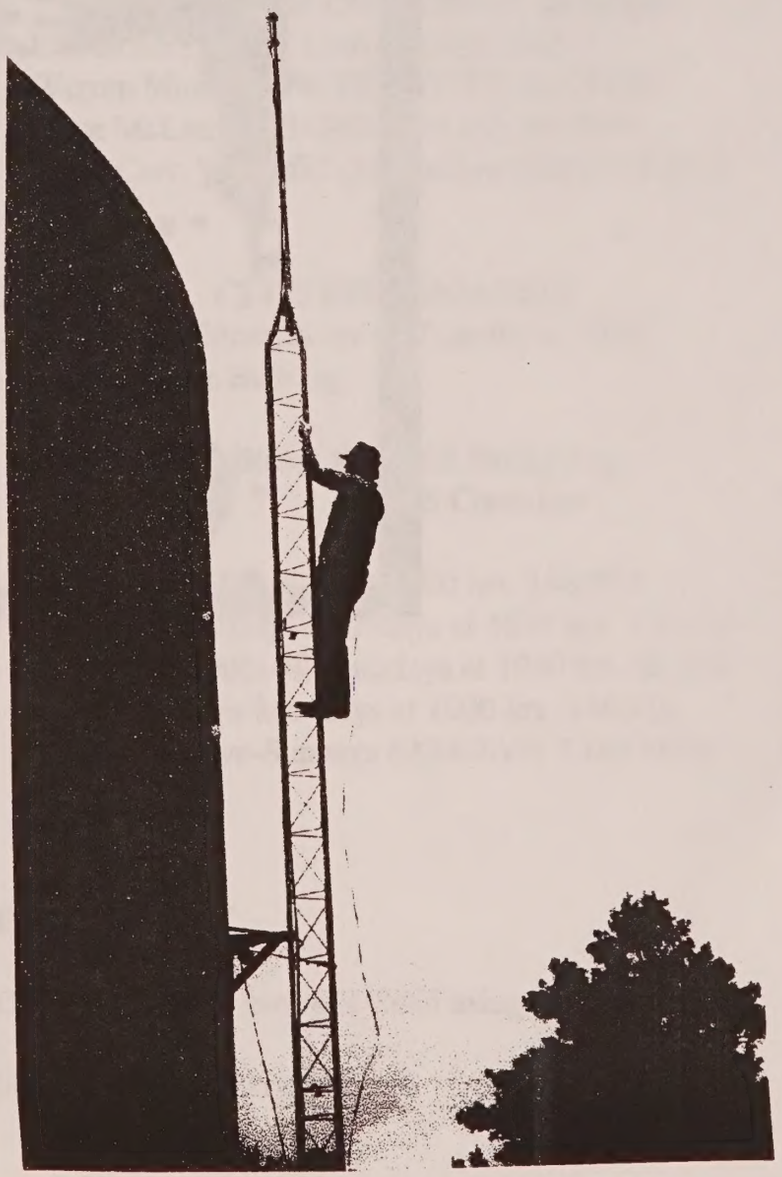

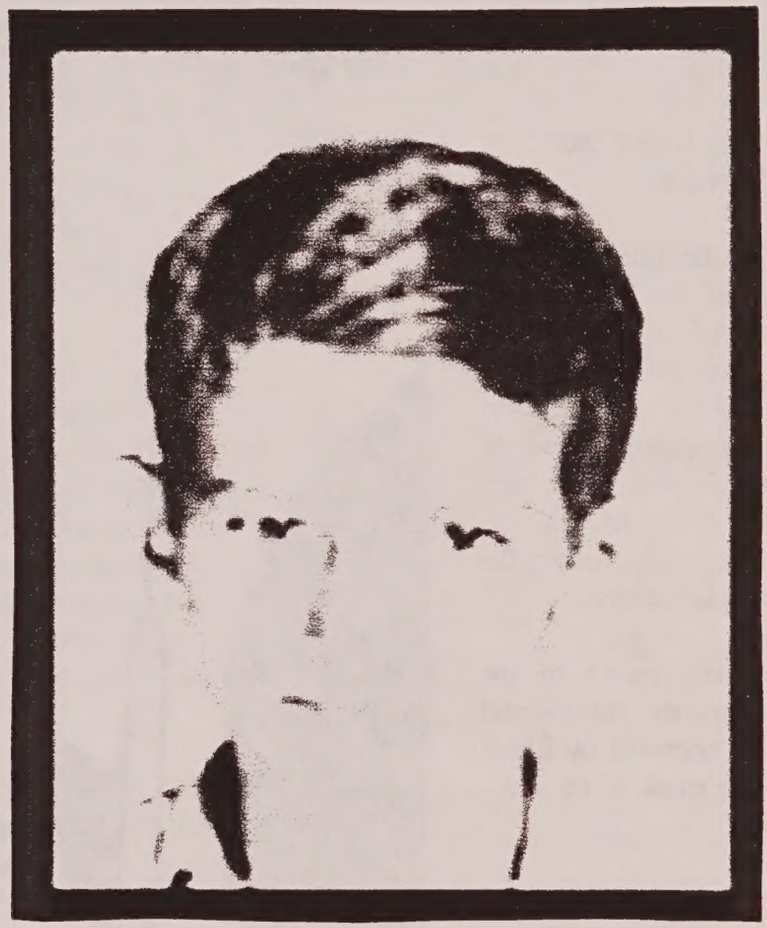

MYSTERY MEMBER

Did you recognize him? It's Jose Ramos, KC4VIO. Bet Carol thinks he's even cuter now!

Who is the mystery member this month?

JULY MINUTES
By Becky KF4Htb

After the usual opening ceremonies, Bill W2SDB played Happy Birthday on his harmonica, as well as two new songs - Apple Blossom Time and Dixie Land.

Bud K4CWG said the new repeater has not yet been received and asked "Why is the old repeater working so well now?"

He also talked about Dave AC4JX and how much this club owes him.

Stephanie K4MVO presented Anthony KG4CEB with a Certificate of Appreciation from BEARS for his work in emergency management. Anthony (who is moving to Pennsylvania) talked about how much he has learned from working with BEARS and TARC and about how much he will miss everyone.

During the program portion of the meeting, Stephanie K4MVO showed a video of Field Day which was enjoyed by all.

TREASURERS REPORT
By Becky Lee, KF4HTB

Balance forward from 2001	$4574.11
Deposits Year to Date	2274.80
TOTAL INCOME	**$6848.91**
Expenditures	4279.08
BALANCE AS AT 7/30/02	**$2569.83**

CLUB OFFICERS
President: Bud Hughes, K4CWG. 269-0779
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Ralph Hall AE4LE
Sherry Hughes, KU4ZO. 269-0779

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Larry Carr, WB9MFJ (Packet-Rose Node) 268-4114

CLUB INFORMATION
Meetings: Monthly on 4th Tuesday at 1900 hrs. at Jaycee Building

Newsletter Editors: KF4HTB Becky Lee
K4EOS Clyde Lee

Nets: **VIP**-Thursdays at 1000 hrs. 146.910
Friendship-Thursdays at 1830 hrs. 146.910
Mosquito-Wednesdays at 1900 hrs. 28.333
Traders-Mondays at 1000 hrs 146.910
Red Eye-Sundays 6AM-7AM 7.165 MHz

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SCHOOL IS OPEN! BE CAREFUL!

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Total membership: 183 (127 regular, 42 family, 10 honorary, 4 other)

NEW MEMBERS:
K4DII FRED Mackenzie
KD4YIX VINCENT ALVAREZ II

RENEWALS:
KE4AGO W. R. REALY
WA4GBW CHARLES MOREHOUSE
W1IIA WALT HART
KE4NYM MATT KELLER
KF4QIP MICHAEL ALBRO
W2SDB BILL EPPLEY
KF4SEK NICK GREY
KE4TQZ SANDRA GREENWALD
KF4UXT JIM TYNER
KF4VAK MARY TYNER
WA0VED JIM WOODRING
KG4AHL JEANNIE WOODRING
KG4IMO JASON WOODRING

HAMFESTS:

08/24	TAMPA
09/14	MELBOURNE
09/21	NEW PORT RICHEY
09/28	DAYTONA BEACH
10/5	JACKSONVILLE
10/12	STARKE
10/12	TAMPA
10/12	SUNRISE
10/19	JACKSONVILLE
11/2	UMATILLA
11/09	PORT ST. LUCIE
11/23	OKEECHOBEE